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SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA
LABOR PARTY VISITS TUNIS, FEB 15-19

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1. DELEGATION OF DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA LABOR
PARTY HEADED BY MINISTER OF CULTURE CHANG SON ARRIVED IN TUNIS
FEBRUARY 15 IN WHAT WAS BILLED AS REPOSE TO INVITATION
EXTENDED BY TUNISIAN DESTOURIAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSD).
DURING COURSE OF VISIT NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION MET
WITH PSD DIRECTOR MOHAMED SAYAH, SECRETARY GENERAL OF
TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY BRAHIM TURKI AND WITH
PRIME MINISTER HEDI NOUIRA. DELEGATION WAS ALSO GIVEN
TOUR OF CITY AND VISITED KAIROUAN AND MONASTIR, BIRTHPLACE
OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA.

2. VISIT WAS GIVEN "APPROPRIATE" MEDIA TREATMENT IN
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VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF TUNISIAN PERSONALITIES WHO RECEIVED
DELEGATION, BUT THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL OR OTHER COMMENT
WHICH OFTEN ACCOMPANIES IMPORTANT FOREIGN DELEGATIONS
COMING TO TUNISIA. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, CHANG SON
CLAIMED VISIT STRENGTHENED TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
TUNISIA AND DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE DEV-
ELOPMENT OF BILATERAL COOPERATION. PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY TUNISIAN

PEOPLE UNDER PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S LEADERSHIP WAS LAUDED
AND FRATERNAL GREETINGS WERE DELIVERED FROM CHIEF OF
STATE KIM IL-SONG. CHANG SON ALSO REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED
SITUATION EXISTING IN HIS COUNTRY AND DPRK'S EFFORTS
TOWARD UNIFICATION OF KOREA. NO GOT STATEMENTS OR
RESPONSES WERE REPORTED.

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3. COMMENT: REPUBLIC OF KOREA POLCOUNSELOR LEE TOLD EMBASSY
POLITICAL OFFICER THAT TUNISIANS HAD BEEN FORCED TO "INVITE"
DELEGATION, FOLLOWING NORTH KOREAN REQUEST MADE TO PSD
PARTY DIRECTOR SAYAH DURING SENEGALESE UPS PARTY CONGRESS
IN DECEMBER. ACCORDING TO ROK POLCOUNSELOR, HEAD OF ASIAN
DIVISION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD HIM THAT GOT HAD NO
ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ACCEPT DPRK'S REQUEST FOR INVITATION,
AS TUNISIA MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH
KOREAN STATES AND ROK PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISITED
TUNISIA IN JANUARY. LEE SAID GOT OFFERED
NO OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY TO GROUP IN TUNIS AND SOLVED ITS
PROBLEMS BY SENDING DELEGATION ON TWO-DAY BUS TOUR OF
COUNTRYSIDE.
FOR ADDRESSEES' INFORMATION: TUNISIA MAINTAINS RELATIONS
WITH DPRK THROUGH RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN PEKING. DPRK
AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN ALGIERS IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO
TUNISIA.

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